

### REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-19 were pending. Claims 1, 4, 7, 15, 17 and 18 have been amended and claims 2, 11-14 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Claims 1, 3-10, 15 and 17-18 are now pending.

Applicants first thank the Examiner for contacting Applicants' representative regarding the search and allowability of subject matter in the claims as presented. Pursuant to the telephone interview with the Examiner and the previously presented unity of invention requirement and species election and further in the interest in expediting prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended the claims as indicated above. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to subject matter not examined pursuant to the unity of invention/species election requirement. According to the Examiner, no art has been located directed to the subject matter of the amended claims. Therefore, Applicants believe the claims as presented herein are allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, claims 1, 3-10, 15 and 17-18 are considered allowable. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned at the below listed number.

**The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-3218.**

Respectfully submitted,

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